GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF PETROL/DIESEL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the number of petrol/diesel pumps lying closed in different parts of the country;

(b): the specific reasons for their closure; and

(c): the necessary steps being taken by the Government to restart them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) : As on 31.3.2002, 187 retail outlet dealerships (petrol/diesel pumps) were lying closed in different parts of the country. These dealerships were lying closed on account of various reasons, such as, pending court cases, action initiated /contemplated by the respective oil companies in cases of irregularities committed by the dealers in operation of the outlets, partnership dispute, non-uplifting of product by the dealer, suspension of licence by the District Authorities, death of dealer, land dispute, benami operation, financial problems, resignation by dealer, low potential, disturbance by extremists, etc. Action for resumption of operation of each of these dealerships is taken by the respective oil companies depending on the merits of each case.